

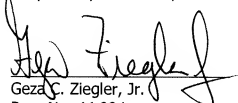
III. REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of telephone interviews on February 1, 2007 and February 8, 2007. During these interviews, it was agreed that the enclosed claims are allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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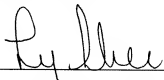
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